

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1-18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) A cleaning member comprising:

a cylindrical cleaning element having an axial through-hole formed therein; and

a rotary shaft held in said through-hole with a press-fit, said rotary shaft having an outer shaft diameter;

wherein said cylindrical cleaning element is capable of being in either a wet state or a dry state;

wherein said cylindrical cleaning element has a structure such that, when said cylindrical cleaning element is in a dry state, said through-hole has a diameter larger than the outer diameter of the rotary shaft, and when said cylindrical cleaning element is in a wet state and not on said rotary shaft, said through-hole has a diameter smaller than the outer shaft diameter of said rotary shaft, such that when said cylindrical cleaning element is in a wet state and on said rotary shaft, the rotary shaft is held in said through-hole with the press-fit.

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Claim 20 (Previously Presented) The cleaning member of claim 19, wherein each of said rotary shaft and said through-hole has a circular cross-section.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The cleaning member of claim 19, wherein said rotary shaft has a surface including raised and recessed portions for preventing sliding motion of said cylindrical cleaning element thereon.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) The cleaning member of claim 19, wherein said cylindrical cleaning element is made of sponge comprising polyvinyl acetal or polyvinyl formal.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) The cleaning member of claim 19, wherein said cylindrical cleaning element is made in the dry state, then placed in the wet state and has said through-hole enlarged, and is then purified in the wet state.